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FOR DEA RD WARNER PARIS, DEA HQ ENOM/COOK, IGIE/FOTOPOLOUS, SECSTATE
S/NM, FROM SAIC HOLM

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: SNAR
SUBJECT: GFXA-78-8015 "OPIUM ERADICATION/EGYPT"

1. APR 24, 1978, ASYUT PUBLIC SECURITY ACTING ON INFORMATION THAT
OPIUM WAS BEING CULTIVATED IN NEW AREA NEAR EL MINYA (APPROX 200 MILE
S
SOUTH OF CAIRO) WAS AMBUSHED. ONE POLICE OFFICER WAS KILLED. FOUR
OF THE ATTACKERS WERE KILLED. PUBLIC SECURITY REINFORCEMENTS WERE
BROUGHT IN TO CONTROL EL MINYA AREA. ANGA DEPUTY DIRECR GEN.M.
ZAKI PROCEEDED EL MINYA SAME DATE TO ASSIST ORGANIZING COUNTERMEASURE
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2. APR 25 ANGA DIRECR GEN. S. FARAG ADVISED SAIC HOLM PUBLIC
SECURITY FORCES WILL SWEEP AREA IN MAJOR OPERATION TO CONFISCATE IL-
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LEGAL FIREARMS, MAINLY RUSSIAN-MADEEKALASHNAV ASSAULT RIFLES AND
LIGHT MACHINEGUNS STOLEN FROM EGYPTIAN ARMY. WEAPONS PURCHASES
FINANCED BY OPIUM TRAFFICKING.

3. FARAG STATED OPIUM CULTIVATION DIRECTLY LINKED TO ILLICIT
WEAPONS, ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, AND CORRUPTION OF
LOCAL OFFICIALS. HE ADDED THAT IF GOE DOES NOT TAKE STRONG MEASURES

NOW TO STOP OPIUM CULTIVATION, IT WILL BECOME ENDEMIC TO EGYPT AND
IMPOSSIBLE TO ROOT OUT. ELTS

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